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Serial No. 09/753,077	Filing Date March 12, 2001	Examiner Mullis	Group Art Unit 1711
Inventor(s) Wang et al.			
Title of Invention WATER-RESPONSIVE BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME			
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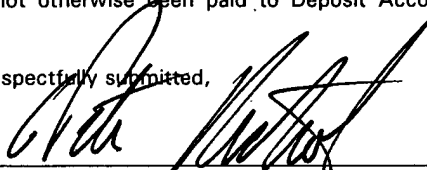
Transmitted herewith is a (1) Response; (2) Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent and \$110 filing fee; (3) Change of Correspondence Address and Change of Attorney Docket Number; (4) Executed Power of Attorney.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
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Total	15	Minus	33	0	x \$9 =		x \$18 =	0
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